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Davao Province
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Longitude 125° 51.2' E
Latitude 07° 21.6' N.

Coast & Geodetic Chart No 4624

1. "MACO is situated at the very head of Davao Gulf. The course from the north end of Pakiputau Straits bears 45°. The anchorage may be reached by proceeding until the Maco sawmill shed is sighted which is built of corrugated iron and is the most prominent building in sight. Continue until the north end of the mill bearing 57° and the fathometer shows 50 fathoms. South of the sawmill is the coconut grove with three houses, the center house bearing 84°. To the right of this grove a little farther south is another grove with two houses bearing 106° true. Off to the left of the mill westward is a plantation house near the mouth of the Madaum Riber which is painted white bearing 288° true. The right tangent of Kopia Island bearing 193° true and the right tangent of Samal Island Bassa Point bearing 223° true. The fathometer will show from 48 to 55 fathoms of water over the entire swinging circle of the vessel.
2. There are many fish traps all around the beach and for the most part are on the edge of the shoal water and give a good indication of how much room there is to swing the vessel. The bottom is mud and good holding ground.

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3. Another recommended anchorage is located on the following bearings: (See sketch).

Hijo River	-----	bearing	306°	true
White House	-----	"	297°	"
Tangent of Land	"	"	183°	"
N end of Kopi Is	"	"	195°	"
Bare spot on Kill	"	"	103°	"

4. The stevedores will require enough old winch runners to make Bull Wires to stow the logs in the hatches. The logs averages about 3 tons each with 9 to 27 feet in lengths.
5. No fresh water nor stores are available, neither are any medical facilities available.

/Available on loan from CIA Library is a copy of a sketch of the ports and outposts of Maco.7

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